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SUBJ: PANAMA: QUARTERLY LIVESTOCK REPORT, PN6013

REF: PN CODE 13C

I. NUMBERS (000 HEAD) 1975 1976 1977

A. ON FARMS (JUNE) 1,348 1,361 1,375

B. SLAUGHTER 222 224 234

II. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION (000 LBS. CWE)

A. SUPPLY

1. PRODUCTION	99,900	100,800	105,300
2. IMPORTS	825	-	-
3. TOTAL	100,725	100,800	105,300

B. DISAPPEARANCE

1. DOMESTIC	92,809	92,604	93,633
2. EXPORTS	7,916	8,196	11,667
(BONELESS)	(5,937)	(6,147)	(8,750)
3. TOTAL	100,725	100,800	105,300

III. EXPORTS (000 LBS. BONELESS)

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A. TO U.S. (SUBJECT TO PL88-482):

I	311	1,734	1,700
II	90	261	200
III	134	902	1,000
IV	2,152	--	2,600

B. U.S. TOTAL 2,687 2,897 5,500

C. OTHER COUNTRIES - - -

D. CANAL ZONE 3,250 3,250 3,250

E. TOTAL 5,937 6,147 8,750

IV. COMMENTS

A) CURRENT SITUATION AND OUTLOOK BASICALLY UNCHANGED FROM INFORMATION REPORTED IN TOFAS 84; HOWEVER, AS A RESULT OF DATA AVAILABLE FROM RECENT GOP SURVEY WHICH SHOWED TOTAL NUMBERS LOWER THAN ESTIMATED, EXPORT POTENTIAL HAS BEEN REDUCED FOR 1976 AND 1977.

B) ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY DATA PUBLISHED BY THE GOP, CATTLE NUMBERS FOR 1976 ARE ONE PERCENT ABOVE THOSE OF A YEAR AGO. A SIMILAR INCREASE IN HERD NUMBERS IS FORECAST FOR 1977, HOWEVER, EXTRACTION FOR SLAUGHTER IS PREDICTED TO BE ABOVE THE NORMAL RATE DUE TO EFFORT TO CONTROL FUTURE EXPANSION. AS REPORTED BY ONE IMPORTANT PRODUCER REPRESENTATIVE, THE CATTLE INDUSTRY CANNOT EXPAND UNDER CURRENT MANAGEMENT PRACTICES UNTIL ROADS ARE BUILT TO OPEN NEW PASTURE AREAS IN THE ATLANTIC REGION.

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